

INDIANA COMMISSION ON AGING
Commission Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center Room C
402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Commission Members in Attendance: Ed Gottschling, Anita McColleston, Michael Sullivan, Suzann Shackleton, Lauren Mullet, Dr. Michael Hoover, Margaret Smith, Noble Stallons, Robert Bischoff

Commission Members Absent: Robert White, Dr. JoAnn Burke

Staff in Attendance: Karen Gilliland, Debbie Pierson, Willie Poindexter

Visitors: Kristen LaEace, Ruth Reichard, Erica Costello

Call to Order: Bob Bischoff Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Bob called for a motion to approve the March minutes, with no additions or deletions the motion was made by Noble Stallons and seconded by Anita McColleston to approve the minutes, with unanimous approval from the Commission the March minutes were approved.

Bob introduced Erica Costello and Ruth Reichard from the Indiana Supreme Court - Project on Abuse in Later Life (INPALL). Erica said INPALL is a 3 year \$339,000 federally funded demonstration grant and they were 1 out of 9 in the country to receive this grant. They are starting off in St. Joseph County and want use this model to expand to other areas of the state following the 3 year grant term. The purpose of the grant is to develop and enhance the delivery of services to older adult victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation with a special emphasis on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in that population. Erica said for the purpose of federal guidelines they define an older adult as 50 and older. Their partners for this program is the Indiana Supreme Court, St. Joseph Superior Court (probate and circuit), St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office, Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County, REAL Services, Inc., St. Joseph County Police Dept., Mishawaka Police Dept. and the South Bend Police Dept. All the partners were enthusiastic about going for the grant and signed on very quickly.

Erica said they are juggling a lot of things that are going on at the same time but there are 2 major components of their grant, training and the implementation and delivery of services. Their partners commit to attending national trainings sponsored by the Dept. of Justice and the Office on Violence Against Women and in turn come back and train their local cohorts on the trainings at events in St. Joseph County and possible in the region. They are looking at doing service provision, right now they are in the process of collecting information and feedback from older adults in the community and providers

that serve older adults in the community on what services are needed. A big portion of their grant money will be spent on trying to address those service gap areas for older adults of domestic violence. They did a survey that ran to the 15th of last month and they are going over those results and coming up with a needs assessment summary that they will be submitting to the Office of Violence Against Women and coming up with a comprehensive plan of action for the implementation.

They have started their INPALL planning and implementation phases with training and a kickoff event that starts in October. Erica said what they hope INPALL will accomplish in this 3 year grant is to provide better services to vulnerable adults living in St. Joseph County, develop coordinated and collaborative responses to the growing problem of elder abuse and to replicate the model that they have developed in St. Joseph county to other counties throughout the state.

Michael Sullivan spoke on the Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Implementation Task Force that met last week. They had a nice presentation from a quality improvement organization that has been around for about 40 years. They have a heavy emphasis on physician's practices, nursing homes and hospitals. They do a lot of project type work with the groups of hospitals, groups of physicians and nursing homes and sometimes they cut across different practice levels. They had a nice discussion about Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease and future programs. Michael said he could see inviting them to a future meeting because people outside of health care have no idea of what a quality improvement organization is or what they do.

Michael Patterson was also at the Task Force meeting and gave an update on Adult Protective Services and their budget. He said that they had hoped to get a million dollars in emergency placement for their budget that does into effect July 1st.

Michael Sullivan said they followed 5 bills as far as the Task Force goes. SB 182 formed an APS study committee is passed the Senate but didn't make it to the House, the 2nd one was SB 465 it passed, it required the Division of Aging to meet with stakeholders and starting making changes in the Pre-Admission Screening process. Michael said an interesting bill was the Care Act it was a big initiative by AARP it recognizes the critical role of caregivers in hospitals it passed in both the Senate and House. HB 1242 was a minor bill requiring reserve officers to have Dementia training. APS didn't get an increase of a million dollars a year for emergency placement, but the Indiana Supreme Court Office of Adult Guardianship did get an increase from \$650,000 to a million a year with the court having to do a 50% county match. CHOICE was funded at current levels with no decrease and all of these go into effect July 1st.

Michael said that Ann Hack is been working with the BMV on driving and Dementia. The State of Indiana does have a driving challenge assessment form but it is hard to find on their website and they are working to publicized it. And Generations in Vincennes held a week long Evidenced Based Dementia training.

Karen Gilliland updated the Commission on some things happening in the Division of Aging. Last Monday they had the Golden Hoosier awards ceremony that recognized 19 older adults from across the state for their community involvement. And Arlene Franklin our State Long Term Care Ombudsman who has been a state employee for almost 40 years is retiring August 1st.

Karen said Debbie Pierson has taken the lead in looking at the area plan format and development. Every 2 years the area agencies have to reapply to be designated as area agencies on aging by developing their plan at the local level. Debbie went through the Older American's Act to make sure we're following all the pieces of the act. They tried to make it clear what the federal government is looking hence the format change of the plan this year. Karen said all the area plans are in and they've reviewed the first 8 and next week they plan to review the 2nd 8. Karen said that at the June meeting they will be providing the Commissioners a synopsis of the area plans, what's been approved, concerns, etc. The area plans will be the main focus so there will be no presentation.

Karen said the Division of Aging has grant applications out to the area agencies on aging, they have money that needs to be spent before next June and they've allowed this money to update and enhance the ADRC's. They've awarded 5 grants so far two to CICOA, two to SWIRCA and one to Area 11.

Kristen LaEace CEO of the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging started with the federal update. Kristen and Dr. JoAnn Burke attended the N-4A Advocacy meeting in Washington, DC where they also went on field visits together. They primarily talked about the reauthorization act. With the interstate funding formula Indiana will lose some money. Kristen said on the state legislative side CHOICE stayed at maintained level, the Supreme Court got an increase for the Adult Guardianship Program, public mass transit got a little financial bump over the next couple of years and there was additional reporting language in the budget bill regarding CHOICE. Senate Enrollment Act (SEA) 307 Consumer Protection passed and SEA 358 Medication Therapy Management allows the pharmacist to bill Medicaid for that service they supported it and it passed. Senate Enrollment Act 441 and all the other tax bills were watched to make sure there was no impact on the Uniformed Tax Credit for the Elderly it passed. Senate Enrollment Act 460 they supported which prohibits the Indiana State Dept. of Health from licensing nursing facilities passed. Senate Enrollment Act 465 there was some changes to the CHOICE statute it removes some age requirements to make it a little easier to fill slots and staggering term limits so everyone will not go off at the same time passed. Afterwards Kristen went over some of the educational materials that were included in the packets.

Robert announced that Noble Stallons and Anita McCollester are resigning from the Commission this is their last meeting. They both have been long time members on the Commission on Aging and they will be missed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned with a small reception for the departing members